



## **Board Approves Metro Station Access and Roadway Improvements**

**May 14, 2013** – Today, Chairman Sharon Bulova led the Board in approving a number of important transportation projects and funding agreements, including Metrorail station access improvements in Tysons and Reston as well as the Jones Branch Connector, the top priority for Tysons-wide roadway improvements.

“I am pleased that the Board is taking steps to address transportation challenges in the County, particularly regarding Metro Station access,” said Chairman Bulova. “The Board is applying a variety of funding sources to create a safe, accessible environment surrounding the new metro stations in Tysons and Reston so that people can access metro stations safely by foot, bicycle, and transit. These projects will allow the community to get the most out of the new Metro stations in Tysons and Reston that are slated to open in late 2013 or early 2014 and to improve travel within Tysons.”

The [Tysons area station access projects](#) improve pedestrian, vehicle, and bicycle connections to and from the new Silver Line Metro stations that have been or will be constructed as part of the [Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project](#). The list of Tysons projects is, in part, the result of recommendations in the [Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study](#). The report identifies needed sidewalks, trails, crosswalks, bike routes, and bus facilities within a 1 mile radius of each station as well as bus and bicycle facilities within a three mile radius.

The majority of [Metrorail access projects in the Reston area](#) are being constructed as part of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project or with FCDOT funding to improve Metro station access. The list of projects is, in part, the result of work undertaken by Reston Metrorail Access Group.

The Board also approved funding for the [Jones Branch Connector project](#). The project will reconstruct and extend Scotts Crossing Road across the Beltway into the existing Jones Branch Drive in Tysons. The Jones Branch Connector is part of the Tysons-wide Roadway Improvement Project that supports the transformation Tysons into an urban downtown. Much of the right-of-way for the Jones Branch Connector is being proffered by Tysons developers such as Capital One.

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